



NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION TOUR AND MEETING

Lost Grove Lake Dedication. Members of the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) were invited to the dedication ceremony of Lost Grove Lake located in Scott County. The ceremony was held on October 7, 2015. The project began 30 years ago and has been coordinated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), although there have been numerous partners involved. The acquisition of land began in the 1980s and the lake is located on 350 acres. The water quality of the lake is considered excellent as the watershed to lake size ratio is 13:1. In attendance at the dedication were Senator Rita Hart and Representative Jim Lykam. Members of the Commission and other guests were invited to tour the lake after the ceremony.



Representative Jim Lykam and Senator Rita Hart talk with Scott County Soil and Water Commissioner Jane Weber.

Natural Resource Commission Meeting. The NRC held their monthly meeting in Princeton, Iowa, on October 8. The business of the Commission included the approval of grants funded with the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Fund. These include:

- Three grants totaling \$441,000 for the Public-Private Cost Share allocation.
- Three grants totaling \$1.5 million for the County Grants allocation.
- A total of 59 grants totaling \$2.4 million for the City Grants allocation. A breakdown of the City Grants includes:
 - Small Cities – 33 grants totaling \$517,000.
 - Medium Cities – 17 grants totaling \$771,000.
 - Large Cities – nine grants totaling \$1.1 million.

Monarch Conference Kelly Myers, Conservation and Recreation Division Administrator, discussed the problem of the declining number of monarch butterflies in Iowa due to loss of habitat and herbicide use. A conference discussing the Monarch butterfly issue will be held in Des Moines at the Botanical Center on October 27-29. Additional information will be available at the [DNR website](#).



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Additional Information. For additional information, refer to the NRC [website](#).

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